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Local Politics and Gossip

The city council is engaging in a large amount of juggling in order to cover up its course of extravagance, and to enable the administration to carry on its policy of wastefulness and dissipation of the city's money. Transferring money from one fund to another is a proceeding the legality of which is exceedingly doubtful. It's entirely a new edparture in the history of this city's finances, and somebody may yet have to answer for it. It will of course afford some relief from the present stringency, but it leaves a vacancy in the cash box where there ought to be none, and of course every cent of the money will be needed to liquidate present obligations.

The prosecution in the Sheets case has again met defeat as everybody knew it would. To be consistent, Judge Armstrong could do nothing else, but overrule the motion of the district attorney for permission to file an amended complaint in the district court against Mr. Sheets. It now appears as if the entire proceeding would be begun over again: a new complaint filed before a committing magistrate and a new preliminary hearing had. Then it may be reasonably expected that the prosecution will continue to show its incompetency and make blunders enough to justify the case being thrown out of court again.

Every day it becomes more manifest that a new set of prosecuting officers and new judges should be called in to conduct this case on behalf of the people. Politics and personal friendships have been injected into it to a marked degree. These should be entirely eliminated and the case heard on its merits alone. That could be best accomplished by the change in courts and prosecution. According to the ethics of such things District Attorney Loofbourov is disqualified from acting prosecutor in this case. In the first place he and the defendant for many years have been warm personal friends and even now while the district attorney is appearing in the role of prosecutor

he is attorney of record for Mr. Sheets in a civil cause now pending in the courts. As to the political end of it both the district attorney and the county attorney's sympathies are with the "American" party. In fact it is fully believed that if they had not been given lucrative offices by the Republicans, they would both be openly in the "American" party today. The county attorney was one of the prime movers in the first attempt to organize the "American" party and there is every reason to believe he would have stayed with that aggregation of sore heads if the Republicans had not lured him with the bait of an office.

Politicians are casting around for candidates for the mayoralty for the next November election. The Republicans seem to have a strong desire for Mr. Geo. T. Odell to carry their standard. The Democrats want R. P. Morris, but Mr. Morris says nay, nay. The Amerikearn crowd may run Mayor Thompson again, although it would be his fourth term if elected.

BRIEF AND BREEZY.

Alfonso thinks that's just the greatest baby that ever arrived.

Naturally all the newspapers will claim some of the credit for hurrying the Spanish stork up a little.

The N. Y. Republic Committee has just ratified the election of Benj. B. Odell to the Down-and-Out club.

The experts may succeed in getting a photograph of the canals in Mars, but they can't get any photo of the canal in Panama.

The Dramatic Mirror finds fault with theatre goers for leaving before the curtain falls on the last act. In a good many cases they deserve considerable credit for sitting through the second act.

Secretary Taft is what you might call a 32-inch all around man.

The pen of the tongue should be dipped in the ink of the heart.

Begins to look as if you might have some use for that spring suit, after all.

What will we eat when dollar wheat sends flour so high we cannot buy?

Big Chief Foraker carries a pipe of peace in one hand, and a tomahawk in the other.

Gov. Hughes, of N. Y., wants to use for a while, the office he has before he tries to run down another.

If Miss Mabelle Gilman wasn't a blushing bride, a good many people will think she ought to have blushed.

Next we expect to hear that we are getting spring on the installment plan on account of the car shortage.

The French artist who painted President Roosevelt's portrait "in a restful pose," must have portrayed him in a sound sleep.

The Sultan of Morocco is said to be very chummy with his dentist, but what could be more natural, since the man undoubtedly has a pull?

With the score tied in the ninth, two men out and the bases full, a player has a splendid chance to win for himself the title of "undesirable citizen" by striking out.

Referring to a local politician, a Nebraska paper says: "We will not call him an ass, we will print his speech." The editor of that paper must be fitting himself for a place in the diplomatic corps.

According to a society item from Atlantic City, Mr. and Mrs. Flusher and two daughters have arrived there from Philadelphia. It is understood however that these four Flushers are not the only ones to be credited to Philadelphia.

The best way to absorb Central America, is to let Mexico civilize it first.

Having found out where he stands, Senator Foraker refuses to sit down and keep quiet.

The Foraker lion and the Taft lamb have changed their minds about lying down together.

A famous inn, near Chattanooga, says that it will close this summer if the city doesn't look out.

The only really undesirable citizens nowadays, are the umpires that go back on the home team.

If the destiny of the paragraph man is hinted at too plainly, he may indulge in a little repartee.

Bellamy Storer, Poultney Bigelow, J. Ralph Burton and E. H. Harriman are all keeping very quiet these days.

Daily bulletins from Madrid indicate that King Alfonso is getting along as well as could be expected.

Senator Rayner doesn't seem to agree with Col. John Temple Graves as to the superlative unmistakableness of Col. Bryan.

A London professor declares that English girls wink the left eye. They probably consider that one of their rights.

No one has given the President a chance to write a letter explaining why Harriman is an undesirable citizen.

The retirement of Castro from the game, is much more important than the death of the little South American ruler would be.

They are thinking of naming one of the new battleships, Utah. We presume it will always be accompanied by a plurality of consorts.

A Kentucky dairyman has been caught selling milk with minnows in it. He should be more particular about his water supply.